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**Gov. Perdue Announces North Carolina In Line to Receive \$8.8 Million to
Help Citizens Buy Energy-Efficient Appliances**

Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that North Carolina is in line to receive \$8.8 million in federal funds to help homeowners purchase energy-efficient appliances, from furnaces and room air conditioners to refrigerators and dishwashers. The money for ENERGY STAR rated appliances would be distributed through a program to be developed by the Energy Office along with the N.C. Office of Economic Recovery and Investment.

The funds are part of nearly \$300 million from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act being distributed nationwide by the U.S. Department of Energy.

“Affordable, energy efficient appliances are not only good for the environment, they cut energy costs for consumers and create more business for retailers,” said Perdue. “These recovery funds will help boost our green economy, and make North Carolina a more environmentally friendly state.”

North Carolina first must file an application with the federal Department of Energy that indicates a desire to participate in the rebate program. The state Energy Office then will submit a more detailed plan that outlines which ENERGY STAR appliances will be included in the rebate program, the rebate level for the products, how the rebates will be processed and a recycling plan for old appliances. As with other state Energy Office initiatives concerning